

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 3, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. We had a City Center phase II meeting.
2. On the 21st we had a consultancy meeting.
3. We had our monthly stellar core meeting on the 22nd.
4. We met with INDYGO on mass transit.
5. The 28th we had our 2nd art consultancy meeting.
6. Received a \$20,000.00 donation from Vectren yesterday for our Stellar projects.
7. Met with IUPUI today on informatics.
8. Tomorrow we will be meeting with Duke regarding downtown lighting.
9. On the 5th there will be a public meeting at the library concerning Stellar.
10. On the 6th we will have a Workforce Training Center walkthrough.
11. There will be a second safety meeting on the 9th.
12. On the 9th there will be a life insurance meeting with Grange.
13. On the 11th we will have a retail stake holders meeting.
14. There will be a PSI design meeting on the 13th regarding the interior pieces for City Center.
15. The City Center Building Committee will meet on the 16th.
16. Race night is the 23rd.
17. The Mayor's 5K will be May 12. The money will go towards renovations to the Carol Davis Jenkins Park.
18. We are planning to apply for \$200,000.00 in federal funds through DNR for recreational trails.
19. Newhouse continues to work on the agreement on the Council of Clubs.

20. We need to set a date to tour the downtown projects.

21. We have been approached through our planning district to put together a regional stellar application. Two things we may look at are housing infrastructure and trails.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Smith said he has submitted a press release. He plans to have a landlord meeting soon. He has passed out copies of our trash ordinance. He is trying to get a list of landlords and the residences they own.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We will have an executive session meeting for further discussion. 4 bids were received on the Main Street Streetscape project. They are being reviewed.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – We continue the investigation on retail.
- **APC/BZA** – Code Enforcement – Focusing on heavy trash and the permitting sequence. Council President Smith has sent out information along with a press release.
- **City Center** – Nothing.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Once this is completed we will see the value of this when we get rains like we have today. This will alleviate a great deal of the flooding issues.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing
- **ECDC** – We continue to be in the running for both processes. One of the companies will be making a 2nd visit to Rushville soon.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out the March statistics report.

They have received 14 applications for the dispatch position. He hopes to have a recommendation by April 17.

The City Utilities helped to install the 1st phase of the lighting upgrade.

Today the boiler system ruptured. Marlatt was able to replace the system with a 50 gallon water heater.

Golf carts are being registered.

Street – Commissioner Miller said that he and Mike Land received their ERC certification today. This allows them to sign off on Indot projects.

Park – Director Burklow informed Council that they rescheduled the Easter egg hunt for this Saturday.

The Board of Works hired Landon Meckes for the full time park position.

They are at a standstill on the Carol Davis Jenkins Park due to weather. The dog park should be finished this week.

Animal – Hoosier Youth Challenge will be here on Thursday.

As of the end of March they have taken in 66 animals and euthanized 8 animals.

Fire – Chief Jenkins informed Council of the resignation of a firefighter. He was given permission to start the hiring process.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Berkemeier sent out an email today regarding a concern of 14 cats at 1021 West Market. Animal Control said the cats are not in compliance. Moran will issue the 3rd ticket tomorrow for harboring unvaccinated animals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **CGS Contract** – The contract has been signed but not yet received.
2. **Annexation Resolution 2018-4 Adopting a Fiscal Plan** – We will be obtaining signatures of residents that wish to be annexed. We have had another owner come to us who also wishes to be annexed in this area.
3. **Resolution 2018-6 Emerson** - This resolution corrects the abatement schedule. Smith moved to approve Resolution 2018-6. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Police Car Purchase – Reserve Car Replacement** – Cameron moved to approve the liquidation of a 2006 Crown Vic and the purchase of a 2009 Crown Vic. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried, with Councilman Bridges abstaining from the vote.
2. **Park Department Truck Replacement** – Burklow informed Council that he was purchasing a 2002 GMC ¾ ton truck to pull a trailer for \$9,000.00. He reviewed the 3 options that he had. Smith asked if the truck was budgeted. Burklow said it was not. Smith suggested that in the future Burklow check the GSA for a new vehicle.

3. **Purchase 117 W 4th Street** – Mayor Pavey informed Council that the Board of Works approved the purchase of this BEP property that had been purchased by Ara. We wish to purchase for parking. The purchase price is \$5,000.00

CLAIMS APPROVAL: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Cameron moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.